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REMARKS

The Applicants have herein amended Claims 10, 12, 19, 21, 22, 24, 27, 39, 56, 58 and 59. Therefore, Claims 1-27, 39, 40, 42-51 and 55-65 are pending. The Applicants have carefully considered all of the Examiner's rejections and have amended the claim set in order to move the case towards allowance.

Response to Amendment

The Examiner contends that an incorporation by reference statement added after an application's filing date is not effective because no new matter can be added to an application after its filing date. Applicants have amended the specification to remove this reference from the priority claim.

Claim Informalities

Applicants have amended the claim set to address the claim informalities noted by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants believe that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and request the same. If there is any further hindrance to allowance of the pending claims, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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